

**CITY OF GAHANNA
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – June 6, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Luke Messinger called the Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board to order on Wednesday, June 6, 2007 at 6:04 pm at the City of Gahanna.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Diane Cantrell
Marlene Eader
Luke Messinger
Dot Micacchion
Eric Miller
Dave Thom

Absent: Vincent Tremante

In attendance from the City Administration was Tony Collins, Director, Department of Parks & Recreation, Troy Euton, Deputy Director and Mike Musser, Recreation Superintendent.

Messinger stated the Parks & Recreation Board will take a recess at approximately 6:15 pm to join the Planning Commission Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Eader made a **MOTION** to approve the May 2, 2007 meeting minutes; seconded by Micacchion. **On roll call vote:** Eader, Yes, Messinger, Yes, Micacchion, Yes, Miller, Yes and Thom, Yes. **The motion carried 5 - 0.**

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

New Business: Service to the Community Awards and Senior Center Advisory Board appointment.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Thom made a **MOTION** to approve the May 2, 2007 agenda; seconded by Micacchion. **On roll call vote:** Micacchion, Yes, Miller, Yes, Thom, Yes, Cantrell, Yes, Eader, Yes and Messinger, Yes. **The motion carried 6 – 0.**

HEARING OF VISITORS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Bond Program update

Troy Euton stated that City Council approved the Bond Program. The funding will be available in July. The Department of Parks & Recreation is in the process of preparing for the projects.

At this time 6:12 pm the Parks & Recreation Board recessed to the Planning Commission

meeting.

At this time 8:48 pm the Parks & Recreation Board reconvened to their regular Board meeting.

Musser introduced Shannon Clonch the new full time Recreation Supervisor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Parkland Dedication

Messinger explained that per the Parks & Recreation staff the original concerns of the Board regarding the 409 E. Johnstown Road property have been met regarding Parkland dedication.

Euton explained that several weeks ago a meeting took place which included representatives from ODNR, EPA, Franklin County Sewer and Water, the City Storm water representatives. The meeting was to have one last look at the proposal to make sure nothing was missing. The consensus was the plan and design has everything needed for good storm water treatment and the treatment of the banks along the Big Walnut.

Euton explained the developer has proposed to dedicate 4.91 acres of parkland to the City of Gahanna. This area is along, and includes the Big Walnut Creek. The parkland dedication area will be developed by the developer into a wetland area. Once established it will be the responsibility of the City of Gahanna to maintain the area. The access to the proposed parkland could be from a future bridge connecting currently city owned property. The proposed plan includes .45 acres of dedicated open space.

Micacchion made a **MOTION** that the Board recommends the proposed Parkland Dedication at 409 E. Johnstown Road; seconded by Eader. **On roll call vote:** Cantrell, Yes, Eader, Yes, Messinger, Yes, Micacchion, Yes, Miller, Yes and Thom, Yes. **Motion carried 6 - 0 and was approved.**

Micacchion made a **MOTION** that the Board request that the proposed .45 acres of dedicated open space at 409 E. Johnstown Road be dedicated to the City of Gahanna for parkland; seconded by Thom. **On roll call vote:** Cantrell, Yes, Eader, Yes, Messinger, Yes, Micacchion, Yes, Miller, Yes and Thom, Yes. **Motion carried 6 - 0 and was approved.**

Donation and Fee Waiver Request

The Board reviewed the donation request. The organization making a donation request is:

Donation Request

Ohio Department of Public Safety - Operation Feed 2007 Silent Auction

Cantrell made a **MOTION** that the Board supports the recommendation of two golf passes for Ohio Department of Public Safety; seconded by Thom. **On roll call vote:** Cantrell, Yes, Eader, Yes, Messinger, Yes, Micacchion, yes, Miller, Yes and Thom, Yes. **Motion carried 6 - 0 and was approved.**

Fee Waiver Request

Flying Horse Farms – Picnic meeting prior to camp

Eader made a **MOTION** that the Board support the recommendation of a fee waiver to Flying Horse Farms for the use of Pizzurro Park and Woodside Green Park; seconded by Thom. **On**

roll call vote: Messinger, No, Micacchion, No, Miller, No, Thom, No, Cantrell, No and Eader, No. **The motion was voted down 6 – 0.**

Service to the Community Awards

Mike Musser distributed nominations for the Service to the Community Awards to the Board. The Awards dinner is August 17, 2007 at 6 pm. There is still time to seek nominations to be received. Currently there are not any nominations for the Lifetime Achievement Award.

After some discussion the board would like to see some additional nominations submitted. The Board will complete an electronic voting ballot at the end of June.

Senior Center Advisory Board Nomination

Musser explained the nomination for the Senior Center Advisory Board is Mary Ann Thiel. She has been a member of the Senior Center for 15 years and a past Board member of the Advisory Board.

Cantrell made a **MOTION** that the Board appoints Mary Ann Thiel to the Senior Center Advisory Board; seconded by Micacchion. **On roll call vote:** Miller, Yes, Thom, Yes, Cantrell, Yes, Eader, Yes, Messinger, Yes and Micacchion, Yes. **Motion carried 6 - 0 and was approved.**

CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS

The Board received a thank you letter from Chapelfield Elementary School and Columbus FPO Auxiliary for the donation of golf passes for their fundraisers.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Musser distributed the Director's Report and explained that Music in the Park began at Friendship Park June 1, 2007. There is a new program called Stargazers and Storytellers, following three of the Music in the Park events. Program and pool revenues have increased over last year. Hunters Ridge Pool had a successful opening weekend. Revenue at the Golf Course is down due to the weather. Golf Leagues are all running. The Senior Center had a successful trip to Italy with 76 people participating in the two week trip. The center held their annual Kentucky Derby with 30 people participating.

Euton explained that approximately 25% of the plants are planted in the wetland at Lower McCorkle. Some students from Otterbein College will finish the planting. The trail at McCorkle is under construction and ready for seed and straw. Street trees are still being pruned, a total of 302 street trees have been pruned. Friendship Park is ready for grading and seed and straw. Golf Course irrigation system is up and running. The material storage area is graded and ready for seed and straw.

Collins explained two of the three rain gardens are completed at Friendship Park. The Memorial Baskets will be hung on June 9, 2007.

COMMITTEES' REPORT

Bikeway Advisory Committee

Collins explained the temporary bicycle plan was turned in to MORPC to be updated. Meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2007 to confirm the recommendation to use the remaining funds in the bikeway funding this year to update the 99 bikeway plan and give a concept design plan for the big walnut trail. Recommendations for crossing points and environmental areas and use some of the funding for consultants to help with federal funding and the priorities for the 500k from the

bond program.

Thom explained there was a discussion regarding speed limits in biking in the township. A letter has been drafted to state reps to initiate a house bill to give townships the right to regulate the township speed limits.

Community Improvement Corporation (C.I.C.)

No updates at this time

Creekside Development Team meeting

No updates at this time

Natural Resource Advisory Committee

No updates at this time

Foundation Committee

No updates at this time

Veterans Memorial Committee

Collins explained the Memorial Day program was standing room only, the program was great.

Gahanna Jefferson School Board

Eader explained 514 students graduated from Gahanna Lincoln High School in 2007.

POLL MEMBERS OFR COMMENT

Messinger stated the Dog Park Advisory Committee decision has been tabled.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Recreation Board at this time, Thom made a **MOTION** to adjourn; seconded by Eader. The motion carried, unanimously.

The Parks & Recreation Board meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Crossmock, Administrative Assistant

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2007

Luke Messinger, Chair